

SECTION IV

Agency Notices

Federal, state, and local agencies were kept abreast of project activities through a variety of communication mediums and provided input for the project through several sets of project meetings.

1. Agency invitation to scoping meeting—On December 31, 2007, SEA sent 41 letters to federal, state, and local agencies on an environmental distribution list announcing the scoping open house public meetings as well as the scoping comment period. This mailing included the NOI and Draft Scope of Study.
2. Agency notice of scoping comment period extension—On January 30, 2008, SEA sent 47 letters to agencies publicizing the extension of the comment period on the Draft Scope of Study.
3. Agency notice of close of scoping comment period thank-you letter—Following the comment period, SEA mailed follow-up letters on March 6, 2008 to 24 agencies on the updated environmental distribution list, acknowledging the receipt of comments and participation in the scoping process.
4. Agency stakeholder meeting invitation letter—At the Illinois agency scoping meeting on January 23, 2008, a number of agencies asked for a greater role in development of the EIS. In response, SEA established the following five stakeholder focus area groups. On April 10, 2008, SEA invited 38 agencies to participate in agency stakeholder meetings. Each group met to discuss issues pertinent to their interests. An example of the agency stakeholder meeting letters is included below.
5. Agency notice of Final Scope of Study letter—At the completion of the Final Scope of Study, SEA mailed the Final Scope of Study, the Addendum to the Final Scope of Study, and a return postcard addressing the way in which the agencies would prefer to review the Draft EIS. The mailing was sent to 39 agencies on April 28, 2008. The Final Scope of Study and Addendum are available in Section I of this appendix and the return postcard is available in Section II.

A-IV.1 Agency Invitation to Scoping Meeting



*SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423*

Section of Environmental Analysis

December 31, 2007

<Name>
<Agency>
<Agency Line 2>
<Address>
<City>, <State> <Zip>

Re: Notice of Agency Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear <Name>,

On October 30, 2007, the Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for acquisition of the EJ&E West Company, a wholly owned noncarrier subsidiary of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). EJ&E is a Class II railroad that currently operates over 198 miles of track in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana. The transaction also involves construction of six new rail connections and about 19 miles of new sidings and double tracking.

To thoroughly assess the potential environmental impacts that may result from the proposed acquisition, the Board, through its Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The first step of the EIS process is "scoping." Scoping is an open process to determine the range of issues that should be examined and assessed in the EIS. On December 21, 2007 the Board issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for this proceeding. The NOI also included a draft Scope of Study for the EIS, invited comments on the draft Scope of Study, and announced the upcoming scoping meetings. A copy of the NOI is attached.

Agency scoping meetings will be held on January 23 and 24, 2008 at the locations listed below. Each meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. local time and should be finished by 12:00 noon. A SEA representative will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

Agency Scoping Meeting Dates and Locations

A-IV.1 Agency Invitation to Scoping Meeting

Date	Location	Address
Wednesday, January 23, 2008	HDR, Inc. Main Conference Room	8550 W. Bryn Mawr Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60631-3223
Thursday January 24, 2008	Marriott Indianapolis Downtown Hotel Lincoln Room	350 W. Maryland Street Indianapolis, IN 46225

For your information, there will be seven public scoping meetings in January, 2008. The meeting locations, dates and times are listed in the attached NOI. All public and agency scoping meeting facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If an agency meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, please feel free to submit your comments in writing. Comments submitted in writing will receive the same consideration as those submitted during the agency scoping meetings.

Written comments on the draft Scope of Study are due February 1, 2008. After the close of the comment period on the draft Scope of Study, SEA will review all comments received, then issue a final Scope of Study for the EIS.

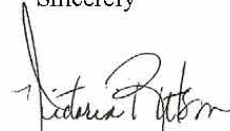
Please send written comments regarding the draft Scope of Study to:

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Electronic comments may also be submitted by visiting the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-filing." Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence, including E-filings, addressed to the Board.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Phillis Johnson-Ball by leaving a message on the toll-free project information line, 1-800-347-0689, or visit the Environmental Matters section of the Board's website.

Sincerely



Victoria J. Rutson

Chief

Section of Environmental Analysis

A-IV.2 Agency Notice of Extension of Scoping Comment Period Letter



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Section of Environmental Analysis

January 30, 2008

<Name>
<Agency>
<Agency Line 2>
<Address>
<City>, <State> <Zip>

Re: Deadline for Scoping Comments Extended to February 15, 2008

Dear <Name>:

The Surface Transportation Board has extended the comment period on the scope of study for the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway.

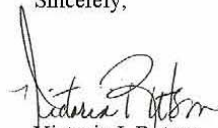
Comments may be submitted any of the following ways:

- **Written Comments:** Mail your comments to:
 - Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

 - Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
- **Recorded Comments:** Call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E_FILING"

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Board.

Sincerely,


Victoria J. Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

A-IV.3 Agency Notice of Close of Scoping Comment Period Letter



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Section of Environmental Analysis

March 6, 2008

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<City>, <State> <Zip>

Re: Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear <Name>:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Surface Transportation Board's review of the Canadian National Railway Company's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company. Both the transportation merits process and the environmental review of this proceeding currently are moving forward. We welcome your participation. The purpose of this letter is to both acknowledge the receipt of your letter and to thank you for participating in the EIS scoping process for the project. As confirmation of your participation, your letter will be posted on the Board's website (www.stb.dot.gov).

During the scoping period of this proceeding we received approximately 3000 comments from the public and we are currently working to fully consider them in the Final Scope of Study for the EIS. Once completed, the Final Scope of Study will be available to the public and the Board will proceed with preparing the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be made available to the public for review.

I sincerely appreciate your interest in this matter and look forward to your continued participation in the process. For more information, please visit the Board's website (www.stb.dot.gov) and look for Key Cases under Environmental Matters.

Sincerely,

Victoria J. Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

Cc: Mr. Ron Abrant

A-IV.4 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Invitation



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Section of Environmental Analysis

April 10, 2008

Mike Molnar
Lake Michigan Coastal Program
Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Water
402 W. Washington Street
Room W267
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2782

Re: **Notice of Agency Stakeholder Meetings for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

Dear Mike,

I am writing to update you regarding the development of the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) environmental review process for the Canadian National Railway Company's (CN) proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) and to invite you to the Indiana State Agencies stakeholders' meeting on:

Thursday, May 1, 2008
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Marriot Indianapolis Downtown
Phoenix Room
Indianapolis, IN
(317) 405-6090

State and local governments at the Board's Agency Scoping Meeting for the proposed acquisition held on January 23, 2008, offered to make available their resources and data to the Board, and to assist with data development for the environmental impact statement (EIS) being prepared by the Board for this transaction. At the meeting, we discussed holding several stakeholder meetings, prior to issuing the EIS, to provide an effective forum for agencies to gather and exchange information. The Board believes that the stakeholder process is a valuable tool in the environmental review process and welcomes your further participation in one or more of the stakeholder meetings that will be held over the next few months.

As discussed at the January agency scoping meeting, the purpose of these stakeholder meetings is to bring together state and local agencies, groups, and organizations that are affected by and also may affect the proposed transaction, efficiently compile data, exchange ideas and perspectives, and share resources and data, to the extent practicable, under the National Environmental Policy Act. To facilitate this task, five stakeholder groups have been established:

- Illinois Natural Resources/Water Resources Agencies
- Illinois Transportation/Safety Agencies
- Illinois Local Governments
- Northern Indiana Agencies/Governments
- Indiana State Agencies.

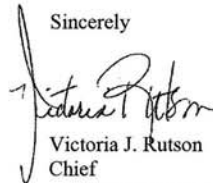
A-IV.4 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Invitation

At least one additional meeting with each of these groups will occur following the release of the Draft EIS to discuss the analysis and obtain preliminary ideas on mitigation.

We encourage your participation in, and support of the stakeholder meetings. Please contact Rich Christopher of HDR, the Board's representative, at (773) 867-7238 to provide the name of the participant from your agency if you plan to attend the Indiana State Agencies stakeholder meeting on May 1. If you are interested in meeting individually or if you wish to participate in other stakeholder groups, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Christopher. Enclosed is the meeting agenda. We have also attached a chronology for the project, as an update for parties that are unable to attend the meetings.

We look forward to your on-going participation in the EIS process for the proposed project.

Sincerely



Victoria J. Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

A-IV.4 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Invitation

Chronology

- October 30, 2007: CN filed an application with the Board for acquisition of the EJ&E.
- December 21, 2007: the Board issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for this proceeding and a Draft Scope of the EIS.
- January 8-22, 2008: the Board held seven public scoping open house meetings in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana
- January 28, 2008: the comment period for scoping comments was extended to February 15, 2008

For additional information, see www.stbfinancedocket35087.com

A-IV.4 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Invitation

CN EJ&E Acquisition EIS

Indiana State Agencies

May 1, 2008; 10 AM

Marriott Indianapolis Downtown: Phoenix Room, Indianapolis, IN
(317) 405-6090

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Discussion of Stakeholder Group Purpose
- Discussion of Proposed Project
 - General description
 - Changes since scoping meeting
- Discussion of Scoping Results
 - Scoping issues relative to group interests
 - Scoping issues outside Scope of Study
 - Other scoping issues
- Discussion of Analysis Approach
 - Discuss methodology
 - Discuss extent/limits of analysis
- Questions and Answers
- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

A-IV.5 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Agendas

**CN EJ&E Acquisition EIS
USEPA Coordination Meeting: April 28, 2008; 1 PM
EPA Region V Office (77 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago)**

Meeting Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Study/Changes Since Scoping Meetings
- III. Discussion of Scoping Relative to EPA's Interests
 - A. Level of Analysis
 - Maximum estimate of rail traffic and impacts
 - Impacts of Class 1 service compared to current service
 - Impacts on current and foreseeable passenger rail service
 - B. Initial Screening Thresholds
 - Traffic safety and delays at road crossings
 - Air emissions: non-attainment areas/hot spot analysis
 - Noise impacts/Vibration
 - Environmental Justice
 - C. Alternatives
 - Additional double tracking to park long trains
 - Connections where trains can run faster
- IV. Environmental Impacts
 - A. Local Impacts
 - Railroad/road crossings and related impacts
 - Stormwater runoff and water quality
 - Air quality impacts
 - Environmental justice
 - B. Site Specific Impacts
 - Gary airport
 - I&M canal
 - East Joliet yard
 - Fermi Labs acceleration ring
 - Natural areas/open spaces
 - C. Regional Impact Considerations
 - Cumulative impacts
 - Greenhouse gases and climate change
 - Invasive species / ROW maintenance
- V. Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation
- VI. Other Discussion Items/Questions and Answers

A-IV.5 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Agendas

CN EJ&E Acquisition EIS
Illinois Natural Resources / Water Resources Agencies
April 29, 2008; 9 AM
HDR Office: 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue
(773) 380-7900

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Discussion of Stakeholder Group Purpose
- Discussion of Proposed Project
 - General description
 - Changes since scoping meeting
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 - Scoping issues relative to group interests
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- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

A-IV.5 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Agendas

CN EJ&E Acquisition EIS
Illinois Transportation / Safety Agencies
April 29, 2008; 2 PM
HDR Office: 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue
(773) 380-7900

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Discussion of Stakeholder Group Purpose
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- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

A-IV.5 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Agendas

CN EJ&E Acquisition EIS
Illinois Local Governments
April 30, 2008; 9 AM
HDR Office: 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue
(773) 380-7900

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Discussion of Stakeholder Group Purpose
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- Discussion of Analysis Approach
 - Discuss methodology
 - Discuss extent/limits of analysis
- Questions and Answers
- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

A-IV.5 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Agendas

CN EJ&E Acquisition EIS
Northern Indiana Agencies/Governments
April 30, 2008; 2 PM
Country Inn and Suites: 1630 Olmstead Drive, Portage, IN
(219) 764-0021

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Discussion of Stakeholder Group Purpose
- Discussion of Proposed Project
 - General description
 - Changes since scoping meeting
- Discussion of Scoping Results
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A-IV.5 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Agendas

CN EJ&E Acquisition EIS

Indiana State Agencies

May 1, 2008; 10 AM

Marriott Indianapolis Downtown: Phoenix Room, Indianapolis, IN

(317) 405-6090

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
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A-IV.5 Agency Stakeholder Meeting Agendas



Meeting Agenda
24 June 2008
Project Briefing,
EPA

Objectives:	To provide a brief overview of project, and to describe CN/EJ&E capacity analysis and Air quality analysis	
Location:	EPA Region V 77 West Jackson St. Chicago, IL	
Time:	Tuesday June 24, 2008 1:30pm	
Participants:	Vicki Rutson (SEA)	Evelyn Kitay (STB)
	Ken Westlake EPA	Norm West (EPA)
	John Morton (HDR)	
	Mark Wollschlager (HDR)	

AGENDA

1. Update on status of DEIS
2. Discussion of findings of capacity analysis on the EJ &E
3. Discussion of findings on rail and vehicle delay emissions
4. Discussion of hot spot and toxics analysis
5. Other issues

SECTION V

Media Notices

Official notices for project activities were published in local newspapers throughout the Study Area.

1. Public guidance on project participation—On December 12, 2007, SEA published a press release issuing guidance on project participation (Reissued January 7, 2008).
2. Public invitation to scoping meeting—To advertise the open house scoping meetings, public notices and quarter-page advertisements were published in 27 Chicago-area newspapers during the weeks of December 27, 2007 and January 7, 2008.
3. Notice of scoping comment period extension—On February 4, 2008, SEA issued a notice to 27 Chicago-area newspapers that the public scoping comment period on the Draft Scope of Study would be extended from February 1, 2008 to February 15, 2008.

A-V.1 Guidance in Project Participation News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ISSUES GUIDANCE ON PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSES OF THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY ACQUISITION OF ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 7, 2008) -- In response to inquiries from the public, The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is providing additional guidance on how to participate in the economic and environmental analyses of the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company by Canadian National Railway Corporation and Grand Trunk Corporation.

The Board will review the proposed transaction through two parallel but distinct processes: (1) a process that examines the competitive, transportation, and economic implications of the acquisition on the national rail system, and (2) a process conducted by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) that assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed acquisition on the human and natural environment through preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Interested persons may participate in either, or both, processes, but if interests are focused on potential impacts on communities, including grade crossing safety, air emissions, emergency vehicle access, noise, vibration, and other similar environmental issues, then the appropriate forum is SEA's environmental review process.

Environmental review process. SEA's environmental review process is intended to assist the Board and the public in identifying, assessing, and if appropriate, mitigating, the potential environmental consequences of a proposed action before a decision on the proposed action is made. The environmental review process includes the following steps:

Notice of Intent. The Board will publish in the Federal Register, likely in late December 2007, a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS. The NOI also will be mailed to all parties on the environmental distribution list, which includes anyone who has sent the Board a letter on the proposed CN-EJE transaction, and will be posted on our Web site. The NOI will also include information about the next phase of the environmental review process, known as "scoping."

A-V.1 Guidance in Project Participation News Release

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Scoping. Scoping is an open process for determining the breadth of environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. The scoping process will include a number of open house meetings to be held in mid to late January in the project area, at which members of the public will have the opportunity to discuss their interests and concerns with SEA staff. Members of the public can also submit written comments to SEA at this stage of the process.

Draft EIS. Following scoping, SEA will prepare a Draft EIS (DEIS) and will distribute it widely for public review and comment. Once the DEIS is released, the public will have at least 45 days to submit comments.

During the public comment period, additional public meetings may be held. If members of the public are unable to travel to meetings, they may send in written comments at any time during the comment period. Both oral and written comments will be given equal attention.

Final EIS. SEA will then prepare a Final EIS (FEIS) that considers comments on the DEIS and makes final recommendations to the Board. In reaching its decision whether to approve the transaction, deny it, or approve it with mitigating conditions, the Board will take into account the DEIS, the FEIS, and all the environmental comments (both oral and written) that are received.

Review of competitive and economic issues. Filings addressing the competitive and economic aspects of the proposed transaction must be filed with the Board in Finance Docket No. 35087 in accordance with the schedule outlined in Decision No. 2, available on the Board's Web site as indicated below. Any person who wishes to participate in this aspect of the Board's review process as a Party of Record (POR) must file a notice of intent to participate by December 13, 2007. (POR is a legal status requiring formal service of all submissions on all other PORs. There is no need to become a POR to participate actively in the environmental review process.) All economic and competition-related comments, protests, requests for conditions, and any other evidence and argument in opposition to the transaction must be filed by January 28, 2008. Parties will then be given the opportunity to file responses and rebuttal in support of the transaction by March 13, 2008. If a public hearing or oral argument is held, it will be held on a date determined by the Board.

Following completion of both the economic/competitive review process and the EIS process, the Board will issue a final decision approving the transaction, denying it, or approving it with mitigation conditions.

For further information on deadlines and dates, please see the Board's decision in Canadian National Ry. and Grand Trunk Corp.—Control—EJ&E West Co., STB Finance Docket No. 35087

(www.stb.dot.gov/decisions/readingroom.nsf/WebDecisionID/38540?OpenDocument), which is available for viewing and downloading on the agency's Web site at www.stb.dot.gov under "E-Library," then under "Decisions & Notices," beneath the date "11/26/07." Printed copies of the Board decision also are available for a fee by contacting ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone (202) 306-4004, or via asapdc@verizon.net.

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A-V.2 Scoping Meeting Newspaper Advertisements and Public Notices

Standard newspaper advertisement



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCOPING MEETINGS

On December 21, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (Board) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. As part of the EIS process, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will hold seven public scoping meetings to gather comments on the draft Scope of Study published with the NOI.

SEA will hold the scoping meetings on the following dates and at the following locations:

- 1 Tuesday, January 8, 2008**
Crowne Plaza Hotel North Shore
510 E. Route 83
Mundelein, IL 60060
- 2 Wednesday, January 9, 2008**
Makray Memorial Golf Club
1010 S. NW Highway
Barrington, IL 60010
- 3 Thursday, January 10, 2008**
Jacob Henry Mansion
15 S. Richards Street
Joliet, IL 60433
- 4 Tuesday, January 15, 2008**
Holiday Inn Hotel
500 Holiday Plaza Drive
Matteson, IL 60443
- 5 Wednesday, January 16, 2008**
Genesis Convention Center
One Genesis Center Plaza
Gary, IN 46402
- 6 Thursday, January 17, 2008**
St. Andrews Golf Club
3N441 Route 59
West Chicago, IL 60185
- 7 Tuesday, January 22, 2008**
Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro
733 West Madison
Chicago, IL 60661

**All meetings are
1-4 PM and 6-8 PM**



Please send written comments regarding the draft Scope of Study to Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423, Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

For more information about the environmental review process, please visit the Board's website, <www.stb.dot.gov>, under the heading Environmental Matters, or call 1-800-347-0689. Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's website at <www.stb.dot.gov>, under E-Filing.

All scoping meetings will be held in an open house format, with the same information available during each meeting. In keeping with the open house format, there will be no formal agency presentations; SEA staff will be available to answer questions and take comments.

Please feel free to attend any of the scheduled meetings. There is no need to attend more than one meeting, but all are welcome to attend as many meetings as desired. A toll-free project information phone number has been established to assist the public in participating in the EIS process: 1-800-347-0689.

The meeting facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons who need additional special accommodations should call the toll-free number provided above.

Written comments on the draft Scope of Study are due February 1, 2008. If inclement weather forces the cancellation of a scoping meeting, please feel free to submit comments in writing or call the toll-free number. Meeting cancellations will be announced on the toll-free number. Comments submitted in writing will receive the same consideration as those submitted during the scoping meetings.

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

A-V.2 Scoping Meeting Newspaper Advertisements and Public Notices

Standard public notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCOPING MEETINGS
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis

On December 21, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (Board) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. As part of the EIS process, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will hold seven public scoping meetings to gather comments on the draft Scope of Study that was published with the NOI.

All meetings are 1–4 PM and 6–8 PM. SEA will hold the scoping meetings on the following dates and at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, January 8, 2008**, Mundelein, IL -- Crowne Plaza Hotel North Shore, Salon A/C, 510 E. Route 83
- **Wednesday, January 9, 2008**, Barrington, IL -- Makray Memorial Golf Club, Grand Ballroom, 1010 S. NW Highway
- **Thursday, January 10, 2008**, Joliet, IL -- Jacob Henry Mansion, Ballroom, 15 S. Richards Street
- **Tuesday, January 15, 2008**, Matteson, IL -- Holiday Inn Hotel, Willow Room, 500 Holiday Plaza Drive
- **Wednesday, January 16, 2008**, Gary, IN -- Genesis Convention Center, Gary Lakes Room, One Genesis Center Plaza
- **Thursday, January 17, 2008**, West Chicago, IL -- St. Andrews Golf Club, St. Andrews Room, 3N441 Route 59
- **Tuesday, January 22, 2008**, Chicago, IL -- Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro, Ballroom, 733 W. Madison

All scoping meetings will be held in an open house format, with the same information available during each meeting.

Written comments on the draft Scope of Study are due February 1, 2008. If inclement weather forces the cancellation of a scoping meeting, please feel free to submit comments in writing or call the toll-free number: 1-800-347-0689. Comments submitted in writing will receive the same consideration as those submitted during the scoping meetings. Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading E-Filing. Please send written comments regarding the draft Scope of Study to:

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

For more information about the environmental review process, please visit the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading Environmental Matters, or call 1-800-347-0689.

A-V.3 Notice of Extension of Scoping Comment Period

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED CN RAILWAY ACQUISITION OF EJ&E RAILWAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Feb. 4, 2008) – The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has announced it is extending to Feb. 15, 2008, the deadline for the public to submit comments on the proposed scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in connection with an application filed by Canadian National Railway and Grand Trunk Corporation (CN) to acquire the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway.

Because the proposed acquisition has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts, the Board has determined that the preparation of an EIS is appropriate. In response to various requests, the SEA determined it would extend the Draft Scope public comment period.

To help determine the scope of the EIS, SEA has prepared and published a Draft Scope of Study for the EIS, which is available on the Board's Web site (www.stb.dot.gov) under "Environmental Matters," "Key Cases" and "Canadian National Railway-EJ&E Railway," and is also available in English and Spanish by calling 1-800-347-0689.

Comments on the Draft Scope can be submitted in any of three ways:

*Via mail:

Surface Transportation Board
Attn. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

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This is the first opportunity to submit comments during the environmental review process. Following scoping, SEA will prepare a Draft EIS (DEIS) and will distribute it widely for public review and comment.

Questions may be directed to Phillis Johnson-Ball, SEA Project Manager, toll-free at 1-800-347-0689 (TDD for the hearing impaired 1-800-877-8339). For further information on deadlines and dates, please also see the Board's decision in Canadian National Ry. and Grand Trunk Corp.-Control-EJ&E West Co., STB Finance Docket No. 35087 (<http://www.stb.dot.gov/decisions/readingroom.nsf/WebDecisionID/38540?OpenDocument>), which is available for viewing and downloading on the agency's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov> under "E-Library," then under "Decisions & Notices," beneath the date "11/26/07."

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